PROCLAMATION OF CIVIL EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, on January 30, 2020, the World Health Organization (WHO) Director General declared an outbreak of COVID-19 as a Public Health Emergency of International Concern, advising countries to prepare for containment, detection, isolation and case management, contact tracing and prevention of onward spread of the disease; and

WHEREAS, on March 5, 2020, the WHO Director General urged aggressive preparedness and activation of emergency plans to aggressively change the trajectory of this epidemic; and

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2020, the WHO Declared COVID-19 a pandemic; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, the President of the United States declared the COVID-19 outbreak a national emergency; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, the Governor of the State of Missouri declared a State of Emergency; and

WHEREAS, on April 3, 2020, the Governor of the State of Missouri declared a stayat-home order for the entire state, and

WHEREAS, COVID-19 is proving to be a very contagious virus that is spread person to person through direct or close proximate contact and presents an imminent threat of widespread illness and a threat to public health; and

WHEREAS, after closely monitoring the news and situation; establishing best practices in early March to prevent the spread of COVID-19 in City facilities, including limiting gatherings to 10 people; and consulting with City, County, and State officials, it is my judgment that there reasonably appears to exist a state of civil emergency in the world, our Nation, and the State of Missouri which requires a response by the City to protect the wellbeing of our residents.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ANDY HERINGTON, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF MILAN, MISSOURI, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM AND ORDER, that:

I am notifying the Board of Aldermen, the City Staff, and all the inhabitants of the City of Milan that, in addition to following all the Governor's recommendations and mandates, I stand ready to invoke as I deem necessary the extra emergency powers granted to me by the Milan City Code of Ordinance, Local Emergency Management section, Sections 10-1110 through 10-1170.

Andy Herington, Mayor

Attest:

Lisa Sharp, City Clerk